

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
February 20, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, February 20, 1923, and was called to order by President Fitzhugh at 7:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh. Absent: None.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was deferred until later in the evening:

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A letter from the Play Ground committee of the Chamber of Commerce was read by the Clerk, the same recommending that the El Prado park be not used as a play ground, but that it be put in shape for a park under the supervision of the City Engineer, empowered to secure a landscape gardener to assist in the work, and that in the very near future a new site for a play ground would be submitted.

Trustee Stone moved that the letter be accepted, placed on file and the matter referred to the proper committee. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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A communication from Dr. Lancaster, Health Officer, was received, calling attention to the unsanitary condition of the district north of Redondo Blvd. and west of Cota Street on account

of no sewer connections; that its becoming densely populated and its being in one of our most choice residential districts makes it undesirable that it should continue to be a district served by cess pools.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and a majority vote, the matter was referred to the proper committee for investigation.

A petition, signed by property owners in the neighborhood of 210th and Cota Streets, asking the installation of a fire hydrant on the northwest corner of Cota and 210th, was referred to the proper committee and the Fire Chief, on motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and a majority vote.

In this connection, a letter from the Torrance Water, Light & Power Co. in answer to letter addressed to them under date of February 15th, regarding placing of fire plug at 210th and Cota, was read.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

"City of Torrance,
Torrance, Cal.
Gentlemen:

The Torrance Gasoline & Refining Company, operating on the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Co.' lease in the Torrance District, hereby applies for permission to extend their Gas collection line through the West end of the City of Torrance between Carson Street on the north and the Redondo-Long Beach Blvd. on the South, the City limits on the West and approximately two thousand feet East of the West City limits.

The said gas collection lines will be buried eighteen inches under the ground at all points.

Yours very truly,

Signed: Torrance Gasoline &
Refining Co.

By J. F. Vordermark, Pres."

Trustee Stone moved that the above request be granted as far as crossing streets and alleys owned by the City is concerned. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

On motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, the two applications for driver of the Fire truck were referred to the proper committee.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the Clerk send a large vote of thanks to the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, American Legion, for their kind invitation to attend an informal party at its headquarters on March 7, 1923. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Stone moved that the only bid received from advertising for bids for jail cells, be opened. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Thereupon said bid, being the bid of E. T. Barnum Iron Works, Detroit, Mich., was opened. By said bid, the bidder agreed to furnish three of their #9 design Bessemer steel lattice Jail cells, with corridor, complete, ready to erect, for the sum of \$618.00, net, cash in thirty days from date of shipping, f.o.b. factory.

Trustee Stone moved that the bid of the E. T. Barnum Iron Works be accepted and the material ordered. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of February 13, 1923, were read and approved after a slight correction.

The members of the Board of Trustees, the City Clerk and the City Engineer of the City of Torrance were, at this time, served

with summonses on complaint of W. T. Klusman and also with restraining order in the same suit, restraining them from further proceeding with the issuance of bonds for the paving of Arlington Avenue and Carson Street in the City of Torrance.

Trustee Proctor moved that the hearing on the question of the issuance of bonds under the Bond Act of 1915 for the payment of work done on Carson Street and Arlington Avenue in the City of Torrance, under Resolution No. 45 and No. 46, be again continued until next Tuesday, February 27, 1923, at 7:30 P.M. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Klusman stated that he had heard considerable talk which had aroused his curiosity, and asked for an explicit explanation of the status of the Sewer farm. President Fitzhugh called on Mr. Briney, City Attorney, asking that he give a detailed account of what had been done and was being done in this connection.

The City Attorney gave a detailed history of the proceedings, explaining the legal points involved and reported that the court still had under submission the matter of the demurers of the Dominguez Land Corporation and F. C. Carlson against the complaint of the City of Torrance. It was further explained, upon request of G. A. R. Steiner, that the Dominguez Land Corporation had not sued the City of Torrance, but had brought suit against the California Chemical Co. and certain other defendants whose identity was unknown and who were sued by fictitious names.

Trustee Stone reported that the Edison Co. Engineer has made no report on the Lighting system as yet, also that cement posts were not recommended as the salt air affected them--Iron posts being better.

Trustee Nash mentioned the need of a filing cabinet; that a price of \$35.00 was the lowest estimate so far received for what was needed, and that the matter would be looked into and taken up at the next meeting.

The City Engineer reported that he had not decided as yet what was the best thing to do on the streets south of Carson and east of Arlington, also stated that there were some places near the School house that needed attention.

The janitor asked, through the City Clerk, that his salary be raised \$2.50 per month.

Trustee Proctor moved that the request be refused. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Police Chief Anderson reported that a Ford had been confiscated under the Wright act, and wanted instructions as to selling same. The matter was referred to the City Attorney.

The Police Chief also mentioned the condition of the road at the S turns on the west City limits.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Clerk be instructed to write to the County Supervisor advising the condition of the road on Madronna Avenue, and sending a copy of the letter to Mr. Towne. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor moved that "City Limit" signs be placed at all the main entrances to the City, such as both ends of Carson Street, at the City limits on South Arlington and at the north limits on Western; and that it be referred to the proper committee for accomplishment. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

No action was taken concerning larger buttons at street intersections as it was concluded that the present ones would serve for the present.

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Trustee Stone moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The tentative Zoning Ordinance and the matter of moving the present No. 1 Fire District line near the corner of Carson and Cabrillo was discussed. No action was taken on either proposition as it was brought out that the changing of the Fire line would not change the character of the buildings allowed to be constructed on the property under question.

Mr. Gay mentioned the fact that iron rods of too long a length were often loaded on trucks and that the ends of same dragged on the pavement and tended to destroy it. This matter was to be taken into consideration in the proposed Ordinance regarding trucking on residence streets. This Ordinance was to be ready, if possible, at the next meeting as well as the revised Ordinance amending an Ordinance regulating traffic and parking in the City.

At 11:30 P.M. on motion by Trustee Nash, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned until 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 27, 1923.

Albion H. Bantlin
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

James M. Fitzhugh
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.